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SUBJECT: UK ECONOMIC AID TO PORTUGAL

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1. HMG HAS NOT YET REACHED DECISION ON AMOUNT OF  
BILATERAL CAPITAL ASSISTANCE TO BE OFFERED TO PORTUGAL.

OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY (ODM) HAS RELUCTANTLY  
BEEN MOVED FRMM ITS EARLIER FIGURE OF 5 MILLION POUNDS

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TO ACCEPTANCE OF MINIMUM OF 8 MILLION POUNDS. ARGU-

MENT OVER FIGURE CONTINUES. HOWEVER, WITHIN WHITEHALL  
WITH FCO STILL PRESSING FOR 10 MILLION.

2. IT IS NOW HOPED THAT DECISION WHICH WAS EXPECTED  
BY END OF JANUARY WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MID-MARCH.  
THIS WOULD PRECEDE PROPOSED VISIT TO PORTUGAL BY  
FCO MINISTER OF STATE ROY HATTERSLEY. IT WAS ALSO  
EXPECTED THAT HATTERSLEY WOULD VISIT PORTUGAL AT END OF  
JANUARY. THIS WAS POSTPONED INITIALLY BECAUSE OF UK/  
ICELANDIC FISHING DISPUTE AND LATER BY DIFFICULTIES  
ON PORTUGUESE SIDE. PRESENT HOPE IS THAT AGREEMENT  
WILL BE REACHED FOR AN END OF MARCH VISIT.

3. FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE OFFER  
MARTIN LYNCH, UNDER SECRETARY, ODM, WILL HEAD A STUDY  
MISSION TO LISBON TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS LYNCH  
SAID THAT HIS MISSION WILL FOLLOW SAME FORMAT AS EARLIER  
VISIT TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. UNFORTUNATELY.  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS STARTING RATHER SLOWLY WITH  
LESS THAN 10 PORTUGUESE PRESENTLY IN UK STUDYING  
OPERATION OF HEALTH SERVICES' PUBLIC SECTOR INDUSTRIES,  
AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

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